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Please find enclosed a translated copy of the Official Communication citing 3 prior art documents and a copy of the cited documents, which we are forwarding to you in accordance with USPTO disclosure requirements. Once we have studied the Official Communication and reported thereon to Paul Drake, we will contact you again.

Sincerely yours

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